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Request for Comment Regarding Historically Significant Cases

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The Administrative Office of the United States Courts ("AO") contacted all courts regarding the Judiciary's records management program and requested assistance in the disposal of paper files presently being stored by the National Archives and Records Administration. Specifically, the AO asked courts to identify cases of historical significance in order to ensure that these records are properly preserved. "Historically significant" cases include those filed from 1970 to 1995 that

- (i) involved a judge, lawyer, litigant, or witness of historical interest or importance (e.g., the lawyer, unknown at the time, became a prominent regional or national figure);
- (ii) involved an issue of historical legal interest;
- (iii) involved a matter of historical interest separate from the legal issues in the case; or
- (iv) received substantial media attention at the time.

While Judges and this office review our records to identify historically significant cases, the Judges of this Court requested that we share this inquiry with members of the bankruptcy bar and obtain their input. Please contact us via e-mail at ALNBHistoricCases@alnb.uscourts.gov and share your suggestions of historically significant bankruptcy cases filed in the Northern District of Alabama that meet the above criteria and were paper files between 1970 and 1995 (if you wish to share more recent cases, you can). We will compile the suggestions and submit them to the AO. **Please share your suggestions with us by Friday, March 25, 2011, by 5:00 p.m.**

If you have any questions, please contact us at ALNBHistoricCases@alnb.uscourts.gov.